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United States Senator for Alaska

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- Fill out one request form for each request
- This form (and any attachments) can be returned via:

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United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: NACTEC Operating Funding RequestProject Location: Nome, Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Project description is attached.

Related Appropriations Bill: none

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: 550,000Total funding to complete this project: 1,650,000Number of years to fund this project: 3Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 400,000

Matching funds from local and private entities:

Dept. of Labor

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: noneAmount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: none☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

NACTEC Operating Funding Request

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Project Description:

Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC) is currently seeking funding of \$550,000 per year for three years for operational support of a regional vocational learning center in Nome, Alaska. The center is designed to provide high school students with the necessary resources and skills to prepare them for skilled employment opportunities and the pursuit of postsecondary education. At NACTEC, students receive instruction in four focus areas: career and technical skills, career exploration, life skills, and work readiness skills.

Nome Public Schools (NPS) and Bering Strait School District (BSSD) students in grades nine through twelve have the opportunity to attend NACTEC for intensive sessions of two to four weeks to study Art, Building Trades, Early Childhood Development, Engine Repair, Entrepreneurship, Fishing Industry, Food Service, Health Careers, Aviation, or Welding.

Students explore a variety of careers through participation in job shadows at sites throughout Nome and meetings with Nome professionals. Throughout this process, students are assisted in postsecondary education and career planning.

The instruction of life skills (cooking, money management, laundry, stress management, etc.) and work readiness skills (job etiquette, resume, job applications, etc.) enable high school students to develop the skills needed to live and work independently. In addition, NACTEC helps students learn the basic skills required of a person entering the work force, apprentice programs, or postsecondary education (technical institute, vocational training, or college).

The goal at NACTEC is to assist students in developing career skills, work readiness skills, and the independent living skills to be successful in the world beyond high school. Through this, we hope to enable rural students to transition from village settings to the more complex social and economic environments found in larger communities. By increasing the likelihood of successful post-high school transitions, NACTEC is working to create a well-trained local workforce prepared to meet the demands of tomorrow's jobs in northwestern Alaska.

NACTEC has been serving students since September 2003. The number of students attending NACTEC is as follows:

2003-2004:	141
2004-2005:	256
2005-2006:	271
2006-2007:	302

As of February 2008, 192 students have been served by NACTEC during the 2007-2008 school year.

Skills gained through programs offered by the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center will be transferable to all vocations in our region. Thereby, helping to build a capable and reliable local workforce.